

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Toshiaki OKUNO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2297
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Application No.: 09/781,564	:	Group Art Unit: 2638
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Filed: February 13, 2001	:	Examiner: Dzung D. Tran
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For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND METHOD		

**LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Appellant is in receipt of the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 19, 2007. Appellant relies on the arguments submitted in the Reply Brief submitted on August 15, 2005. Appellant submits that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are factually and legally erroneous. Appellant, therefore, solicits the Honorable Board to reverse the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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